

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

September 19, 2002

2:00

Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Mr. Staton, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Cooper, Senator Fair, Senator Giese, Mr. Hall, Representative Harrell, Mrs. Marlowe, Senator Matthews, Superintendent Tenenbaum, Representative Walker, Mr. Wilson

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Staton welcomed members and their guests to the meeting. He announced that the order of the meeting would be revised to begin with Item V: Notes on Collecting, Reporting and Using Data.

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the August 15th meeting were approved as distributed.

III. **General Discussion**

Notes on Collecting, Reporting and Using Data. Mr. Potter presented information on the data warehouse efforts in SC and other states. He outlined multiple access, security features and the use of information by educators and parents. Mrs. Tenenbaum indicated that the presentation had been made to an Ad Hoc Committee examining the data requirements of No Child Left Behind and other legislation. There was discussion of costs and alternative revenue sources as well as linkages to other technology initiatives.

IV. **Subcommittee Reports**

A. **Academic Standards and Assessments**: The Subcommittee had no report. However, Mr. Wilson outlined issues related to the high school graduation rate and the change in graduation rates over the previous ten years. Superintendent Tenenbaum pointed out that when summer school and adult education graduations are added the rate rises. Members generally agreed that the rate, however calculated, was lower than SC needed to succeed in the marketplace.

B. **EIA and Improvement Mechanisms**: No report

C. **Parental Involvement**: No report

D. **Public Awareness**: Mr. Martin outlined recent activities (community presentations and workshops) and the billboard project.

E. **Administration**: Mr. Staton drew members' attention to the summary of No Child Left Behind and reminded them of the SDE-EOC work team beginning its efforts on September 26.

V. **Remarks from a Key Constituency**

Mr. Jim Reynolds and Mrs. Kaye Shaw from the Central Midlands Tech Prep Consortium presented. Mr. Reynolds outlined the work of the Consortium and similar groups in promoting higher graduation rates and successful entry into the workforce. He linked current activities and results to issues outlined in *Pathways to Prosperity*. He asked that the EOC consider including a "business and industry involvement" measure for the report card, encourage student participation in career education and highlight career and technology completers. Members asked a number of questions and discussed efforts to link high school students with career opportunities.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.